(घ) भारत के हीरा उद्योग की उपलब्ध अपरिष्कृत हीरे के स्रोत हैं अन्टवर्प और लंदन। तराशे हुए तथा पालिश किये गये हीरों के लिए प्रमुख बाजार हैं यू०एस०ए०, बेल्जियम और हांगकांग।

(ङ) तराशे तथा पालिश किये गए हीरों का वार्षिक निर्यात लक्ष्य विदेशों में मौजूदा दशाओं को ध्यान में रख कर तय किया जाता है। वर्ष 1993-94 के लिए 9378 करोड़ रुपए का लक्ष्य है।

Import of Cowdung under Dunkel Agreement

1915. SHRI ASHIS SEN :
SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that India has to import cowdung under Dunkel Agreement ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) whether the country is not self-relient in that item ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Trade Pact with Germany

1916. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAM BHAJIRAO SHINDE :
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any trade pact was signed with Germany during the Prime Minister's recent visit to that country ;

(b) if so, what are the terms and whether it contemplates any move towards decontrol of drug prices and if so, details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken and being taken in pursuance thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE .(SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Companies Opting oat of 100 per cent EOU Scheme

1917. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA :
SHRI GAYA SINGH :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the 100 per cent Export Oriented Units (EOU) Scheme has become less attractive follow-in;: the liberalisation and many of them ha .e sought permission to opt out of this scheme and change to Domestic Tariff Area Projects ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) Growth of Export Oriented Units (EOUs) has generally maintained a posi-tive trend. A few units have sought permission to opt out of the Scheme for reasons such as technological obsolescence fluctuations in the international market and financial /management problems. Some of the steps taken to improve the performance of EOUs include simplification of policy frame-work, reduction of duty on domesthe sales, higher access to the local market for agro-based products and delegation of powers to Development Commissioners of EPZs in respect of EOUs.

Restructuring STC and MMTC

1918. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any decision *has* since been taken to restructure the State Trading Corporation of India and MMTC taking inko account the 'risk' and 'challenges' faced by them in the wake of large scale decanalisation;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) if not, the stage at which the matter stands at present and the likely restructured set-up these corporation* ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) to (c) Consequent upon the decanalisation of the import and export of a number of items hitherto canallised through STC and MMTC, Government have been reviewing the need to re-orient and re-structure these Corporations in a manner consistent with a liberalised economy and a competitive environment

Countries not Accepting Dunkel Proposals

1919. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the countries which have not accepted the Dunkel proposals ;

(b) what will be India's policy while dealing in trade with these countries ;

(c) whether India will enter into bilateral negotiations with these countries ; and

(d) what adverse effect will be in Indian trade by virtue of these countries not accepting the Dunkel proposals ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERIEE) : (a) All 117 countries which participated in the Uruguay Round of negotiations joined the consensus on the results of the negotiations on December 15, 1993.

(b) to (d) Do not arise. @ 1920. *[Transferred to 15th March,* 1994]

U.S. shuns child manufactured goods

1921. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: SHRI RAJANI RANJAN SAHU : SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news reports in the Times of India of January 8, 1994, captioned "U.S. shuns child labour goods" stating that Labour Attaches in the American Embassies the World over have started drawing up list of articles manufactured by industries employing Child Labour, with a view to barring import thereof into the U.S.;

(b) whether similar restrictions are also being imposed on child manufactured goods by other countries, if so, the details in this regard ; and

(c) the steps taken so far by Government to eliminate the use of child labour in different hazardous, industries.

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) Two bills seeking to ' prohibit imports into the US of products made wholly or an part with child labour are at present with the US Congress. There is a proposal under consideration in the European Comni-'ssion to adopt a Resolution linking GSP benefits with social issues like child labour.

(c) Projects have been drawn up under the National Child Labour Policy 1987 for protecting children frtom employment especially in hazardous industries like glass, carpet, brass, slate etc. Other measures include inler-alia the improvement in enforcement of our laws and voluntary action by the industry to reduce child labour.

Effect of Dunkel Proposals of Job Opportunities

1922. SHRI SOM PAL :
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH :
DR. JITENDRA KUMAR JAIN :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that as per view expressed by him at a recent press conference at Patna as reported in the Indian Express of 7th February, 1944 that the acceptance of Dunkel Proposal by Government would drastically reduce job opportunities in the organised sector :

(b) if so, the manner in which Government propose of deal with the already acute problem of unemployment in the country ;

(c) Whether it is also a fact that the small scale sector, which could offer more